

Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland

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The Maryland Department of Planning

Baltimore, Maryland

Meeting Summary

Members: Jon Laria, David Beall, Derick Berlage, Jerry Boden, David Carey, Virginia Clagett, Sandy Coyman, Jan Gardner, Carol Gilbert, Janet Greenip, Richard Hall, Don Halligan, Frank Hertsch, Brigid Kenney, Gerrit Knaap, Dru Schmidt-Perkins

Attendees: Tom Ballentine, Marty Baker, Peter Bousein, Jamie Bridges, Diane Chasse, Nicole Diehlmann, Michelle Dinkel, Candace Donoho, Erika Jones, Leslie Knapp, Delegate Stephen Lafferty, Steve McHenry, Sara Michael, Susan Mitchell, Amanda Mock, John Papagni, Rhonda Ray, Mike Sherling, Kurt Sommer, Caroline Varney-Alvarado, Victoria Woodward,

MDP Staff: Amanda Conn, Peter Conrad, Jenny King, Marco Merrick, Nery Morales, Matthew Power

Welcome/Administrative Matters

The Chair, Jon Laria, welcomed the Task Force to the final meeting of the year. He briefly reviewed the agenda and pointed out that this meeting will consist of reviewing and finalizing all recommendations that will be included into the Task Force's final report due in December.

Amanda Conn reminded the members of the approaching deadline for the State Ethics Commission form, which required of each member. All questions regarding this form should be directed to Amanda Conn at MDP.

Draft Recommendations

The Chair reviewed each recommendation and highlighted new language. He emphasized that this meeting will not focus on formatting discussion, though such comments should be forwarded to him via e-mail.

The only recommendation that was not truly resolved was the Terrapin Run recommendation. The Task Force agreed to not revisit the previous discussions and the group agreed to move forward with a note regarding MACo's position to be added to the recommendation.

Derek Berlage revisited the APFO recommendations that the group discussed in the previous meeting. MACo had disagreed with the Workgroup recommendation regarding school construction in PFA review and submitted their own language. The group discussed these amendments and original recommendations. A lengthy discussion was held in regards to the standards that existing schools are held at vs. new construction schools. The Maryland PTA sent a letter asking the Task Force to require more of new schools. The Task Force agreed upon a compromise recommendation.

There was general discussion on the revised recommendations, with final comments due to the Chair by next Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Mr. Laria concluded the meeting by expressing his gratitude to the members and staff for their commitment and dedication to the Task Force's work thus far and reminded them that much work remained to be done.